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In re Application of	:	
Gelvin et al.	:	
Application No. 09/684,387	:	DECISION ON APPLICATION
Filed: October 4, 2000	:	FOR PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT
Attorney Docket No. 08-880-US7	:	

This is in response to the "REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT" filed June 29, 2010. Applicant requests that the initial Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154(b) be corrected from two thousand, two hundred and seventy-six (2,276) days to two thousand, two hundred and twenty-eight (2,228) days.

The application for patent term adjustment is GRANTED.

The Office has updated the PALM and PAIR screens to reflect that the correct Patent Term Adjustment (PTA) determination at the time of the mailing of the Notice of Allowance is two thousand, two hundred and twenty-eight (2,228) days. A copy of the updated PALM screen, showing the correct determination, is enclosed.

On June 10, 2008, the Office mailed the Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154(b) in the above-identified application. The Notice stated that the patent term adjustment is 2,276 days. On June 29, 2010, applicant submitted the instant petition. Applicant maintains that the patent term adjustment indicated on the Determination of Patent Term Adjustment is incorrect and that the patent term adjustment at the time of the mailing of the Notice of Allowance should be 2,228 days.

Applicants' argument has been considered and is well taken. On December 22, 2009, applicants submitted a supplemental reply or paper in the form of an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) after filing a reply to the final Office action on November 4, 2009. The record does not support a conclusion that the examiner expressly requested the filing of the IDS. Further, a review of the IDS, filed December 22, 2009, reveals that applicant did not include a statement under 37 CFR 1.704(d).¹ Thus, applicant failed to engage in reasonable efforts to conclude prosecution of the application. Accordingly, the period of adjustment should have been reduced by 48 days pursuant to 37 CFR 1.704(c)(8), counting the number of days beginning on the day after the date the initial reply was filed, November 5, 2009, and ending on the date that the IDS was filed, December 22, 2009. Accordingly, a period of reduction of 48 days is being entered.

In view thereof, the determination of the patent term adjustment at the time of the mailing of the notice of allowance is 2,228 days.

Deposit account 13-2490 will be charged \$200.00 for the fee set forth under 37 CFR 1.18(e).

Applicants are reminded that any delays by the Office pursuant to 37 CFR 1.702(a)(4) and 1.702(b) and any applicant delays under 37 CFR 1.704(c)(10) will be calculated at the time of the issuance of the patent and applicants will be notified of the revised patent term adjustment to be indicated on the patent in the Issue Notification letter that is mailed to applicants approximately three weeks prior to issuance.

¹ Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.704(d):

A paper containing only an information disclosure statement in compliance with §§ 1.97 and 1.98 will not be considered a failure to engage in reasonable efforts to conclude prosecution (processing or examination) of the application under paragraphs (c)(6), (c)(8), (c)(9), or (c)(10) of this section if it is accompanied by a statement that each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application and that this communication was not received by any individual designated in § 1.56(c) more than thirty days prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement. This thirty-day period is not extendable.

The Office of Data Management has been advised of this decision. This matter is being referred to the Office of Data Management for issuance of the patent.

Telephone inquiries specific to this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3222.

/Kenya A. McLaughlin/

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Enclosure: Copy of REVISED PALM screen

PALM INTRANET

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PTA Calculations for Application: 09/684387			
Application Filing Date:	10/04/2000	PTO Delay (PTO):	2304
Issue Date of Patent:		Three Years:	0
Pre-Issue Petitions:	0	Applicant Delay (APPL):	28
Post-Issue Petitions:	0	Total PTA (days):	2228
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66	02/05/2009	CHANGE IN POWER OF ATTORNEY (MAY INCLUDE ASSOCIATE POA)			
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